

TRINIDAD CITY HALL
P.O. Box 390
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Trinidad, CA 95570
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Stan Binnie, Mayor
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Citizens' Tax Advisory Committee

This important City group is being formed. Please consider applying!

Scope of Work:

- To advise the Council on expenditure of revenue from the .75% sales tax.
- To help County residents avoid illegal charges of the tax.

Who:

City of Trinidad residents, a resident from outside the City limits, and Council liaison Kathy Bhardwaj.

When:

Schedule to be arranged by participants.

Deadline for applications: March 3, 2009.

Call Kathy at 677-3984, or come by City Hall for more information and an application form!

Interested in the Budget? **Volunteer for the Citizens' Tax Advisory** **Committee!**

The Committee will *advise the Council* regarding expenditure of revenue from the .75% sales tax authorized by the voters on Nov. 4, 2008. It will meet on an as-needed basis determined by the members.

Since the .75% tax is not a directed tax, the revenue is integrated into the General Fund to meet all of the financial obligations of the City. However, public testimony and comments from Council members supported public safety services (Police, Emergency Medical, and Fire) as a continuing and vital City priority. The Committee will insure that those services remain a priority for funding and continue without interruption.

To this end, the Committee shall receive and review the annual independent financial audit of the City and other financial reports. They will evaluate public safety spending in the context of the entire General Fund budget commitments. They will also make recommendations as to the best use of discretionary funds.

In addition, the Committee will monitor several City actions designed to insure that 95570 residents who live outside the City are not illegally taxed.

The committee shall prepare an annual report showing work & recommendations. The City Council will review the recommendations and in a duly noticed public session will make a final decision.

Who should join?

Anyone interested in working with the budget, providing citizen input, and advocating for public safety services. The Committee will be composed of the council Liaison (Kathy Bhardwaj) and at least three other members. We hope to include members from various groups, including:

- A business person, or Chamber of Commerce member.
- A professional in a financial or accounting-related field.
- A long-term resident of Trinidad
- A member from the Greater Trinidad community
- A member of the volunteer fire department

Members serve for two years, without compensation. City employees are not eligible.

An application form is attached. Please apply by March 3.

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Citizens' Tax Advisory Committee Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Best time to
contact: _____

Comments/Reason for
interest: _____

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Please return this form to:

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Attn: City Clerk.